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THE
CRYSTAL PALACE COMPANY.

R E P O R T
OF THE
DIRECTORS TO THE SHAREHOLDERS
AT THE
EIGHTEENTH ORDINARY
GENERAL MEETING,
JUNE 22ND, 1864.

COPY OF ADVERTISEMENT.

CRYSTAL PALACE COMPANY.

Notice is hereby given, that the Eighteenth Ordinary General Meeting of the Proprietors of this Company will be held at the London Tavern, Bishopsgate Street, in the City of London, on Wednesday, the 22nd of June instant, at One o'clock precisely, for the purpose of receiving a Report from the Directors, and of transacting the ordinary business of the Company, as prescribed by the Deed of Settlement and Charter.

The Books kept by the Company for the Registration of Transfers of Stock will be closed from the 8th to the 22nd June instant, both days inclusive.

By order,

GEO. GROVE,

Secretary.

Crystal Palace,
June 3rd, 1864.

THE
CRYSTAL PALACE COMPANY.

Directors.

THOMAS N. FARQUHAR, Esq., CHAIRMAN, 65, Moorgate Street, and
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REPORT of the Directors, to be submitted to the Eighteenth
Ordinary General Meeting of Proprietors, at the London
Tavern, Bishopsgate Street, at One o'clock precisely, on
Wednesday, the 22nd June, 1864.

THE Directors are happy to be able to inform the Proprietors
that the prospects of the Company for the current season, as
far as any anticipation can yet be formed of them, are
encouraging.

The sale of the Guinea Season Tickets is satisfactory, and

tends to confirm the Directors in their belief that the present price and mode of issuing these tickets is acceptable to the Public, and beneficial to the Company.

The Flower Show, on the 28th May, was numerously attended, notwithstanding the occurrence, on the same day, of the Volunteer Review and other events, which might have been expected to interfere with its success.

Without suggesting any undue inference from the fact, it may be stated that the number of visitors during the winter months, from the 1st November last to the present time, exceeds that for the corresponding period of any previous year; and it will be further gratifying to the Proprietors to know that this increase has been progressive since the opening of the Palace in 1854.

The Refreshment Contract having expired, the Department was put up to public Tender, which finally resulted in its being let to Messrs. Bertram & Roberts, on terms which the Directors consider satisfactory. The Contractors, besides a large general experience at the Exhibition of 1862 and elsewhere, were both of them formerly engaged at the Palace, and in this fact, and in the energy and intelligence with which they have commenced their operations, the Directors see good augury for the future of this Department, so important to the Company in every point of view.

The construction of the South London Junction Railway, to unite the Palace with Victoria, Farringdon Street, and other leading London termini, is proceeding with rapidity, and there is every reason to anticipate that the High Level Station will be complete, and the line in working order throughout by the 1st May, 1865. This Railway leaves the main line of the Chatham and Dover Company near Peckham, and after effecting

junctions with the Greenwich Extension Line, and with the South Eastern and North Kent Systems, finally reaches the terminal station in front of the Palace. This station will be a little more than 20 feet below the level of the Transept, and less than 200 feet distant therefrom. It will be connected with the Palace by means of a subway under the main road in front, 40 yards wide, and divided into four different passages—two for entry, and two for exit. Thus there will be ample means for accommodating the different classes of traffic, and keeping them entirely distinct; and many persons who now go to the Crystal Palace on crowded occasions in their own carriages may be induced to use the railway.

In the meantime, a considerable and increasing traffic to the Palace has come into existence on the main line of the Chatham and Dover Railway, from the termini at Victoria and Blackfriars (recently opened) to the Sydenham Hill Station, a few minutes' walk from the Centre Transept, and it is understood that the Directors of that Company are contemplating such further accommodation for the public as must tend still more to develop the traffic.

The Palace has now been opened to the public for ten years, and it will interest the Proprietors to know that during that time it has been visited by the enormous number of 15,266,882 people.

The Proprietors will not fail to observe the notices of motion and of amendment as given below. The object of Colonel Young's motion is avowedly to deprive the Proprietors of the right which they at present possess of entering the Palace and Garden on Sundays by gratuitous personal tickets. The Proprietors should also be informed that in the event of this motion not being carried by show of hands, a Ballot is threatened.

The Directors who retire this time by rotation are Mr. Thomas N. Farquhar (Chairman), Mr. David Price, and Dr. Reginald Read. These gentlemen are eligible for re-election, and offer themselves accordingly.

By order of the Board,

THOS. N. FARQUHAR,
Chairman.

CRYSTAL PALACE,
June 13, 1864.

The following Notices of Motion have been forwarded to the Directors :—

Resolution to be moved by Lieut.-Colonel YOUNG :—

“That no persons, except those who are officially privileged, or have engagements to fulfil, be admitted to the Crystal Palace or Grounds at any time without payment.”

Notice of Amendment on the above, by Mr. J. BAXTER LANGLEY.

“That the words ‘except on Sundays’ be added to Colonel Young’s Resolution.”

Resolution proposed to be moved Mr. JAMES ANDERTON.

“That this meeting is of opinion that the Sunday opening of the Crystal Palace and Grounds to the public, by tickets purchaseable during the week, would afford the means of intellectual and healthful recreation to a large portion of the community, and be beneficial to the financial interests of the Company. That the advance made in public opinion, and the expression of the Legislature, warrant the Shareholders in requesting the Directors to make an early application to Parliament for the repeal of so much of the charter as will permit the carrying such an arrangement into effect.”

18-15-5: Box A. 68

